Announcements[1]

Employment and Residency Opportunities

Director, Section of Gene Therapy.—H. A. Chapman Research Institute of Medical Genetics invites applications for the position of chief of a newly created gene-therapy section. The institute is seeking established candidates to direct this program. Candidates should have sufficient experience in this field to organize the section from the beginning. The position involves minimum teaching responsibility, but the candidate will have ample opportunities for research. The H. A. Chapman Institute is a well-established genetics center serving Oklahoma as well as adjacent states. Professional staff includes M.D.'s in clinical genetics and Ph.D.'s heading sections of cytogenetics, molecular genetics, preimplantation genetics, human identification, and biochemical genetics. Salary will be commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the candidate. Applicants should send their C.V. to Dr. Burhan Say, at the H. A. Chapman Institute, 5300 East Skelly Drive, Tulsa, OK 74135; phone(918) 628-6363; fax (918) 664-0596.

Associate Director of Cytogenetics.—IMPATH is seeking an ABMG-certified/-eligible cytogeneticist to participate in the management of a multidisciplinary cytogenetics laboratory. Experience in prenatal and cancer cytogenetics and molecular cytogenetics is necessary. This is a professionally challenging position in an actively growing and expanding, state-of-the-art laboratory. Please submit a letter of interest and curriculum vitae to Christine F. Stephenson, Corporate Director of Cytogenetics, IMPATH, 810 East Hammond Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85034.

Clinical Geneticist.—The Department of Pediatrics, Northwestern University Medical School, is expanding the clinical genetics program centered at the Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. A clinical geneticist is sought to participate in existing clinical programs in dysmorphology, metabolic disorders and PKU, neurofibromatosis, and/or skeletal dysplasias. Opportunities for clinical research and outreach services abound. Applicants must have the M.D. or D.O. degree, be eligible for licensure in Illinois, and be BC/BE in clinical genetics and pediatrics. Starting academic rank and salary will be based on level of experience. This is a full-time position with a continuing appointment and will be filled as soon as a suitable candidate is identified. Closing date for applications is April 30, 1998. Interested individuals should send their CVs to Dr. Joel Charrow, Section of Clinical Genetics—59, Children's Memorial Hospital, 2300 Children's Plaza, Chicago, IL 60614. Northwestern University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Cytogeneticist.—Applications are invited for a faculty position at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University, Department of Pediatrics, Section on Medical Genetics. The department is seeking a Ph.D. BE/BC in clinical cytogenetics to assist in daily laboratory direction, teach, and develop independent research. BE/BC in molecular genetics is desirable. The laboratory is a full-service clinical laboratory with a separate molecular cytogenetics laboratory. The Section on Medical Genetics includes BC faculty members (clinical,

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cytogenetic, and biochemical), genetic counselors, a medical genetics computer network, a teratogen service, a large clinical service serving western North Carolina, a large AFP and MSAFP/hCG/uE_3 screening program, and a biochemical and molecular genetics laboratory. There are excellent interaction and research opportunities among the Departments of Pediatrics, Pathology, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Cancer Center, Cancer Biology, and Molecular Biology. Applicants should submit a CV to Dr. Mark J. Pettenati, Department of Pediatrics, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157.

Residency in Medical Genetics.—The Center for Human Genetics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine has two positions available July 1, 1998, in our RRC-accredited medical genetics residency program. The program is based in the CWRU Department of Genetics and includes clinical geneticists and genetic counselors providing patient services at University Hospitals of Cleveland (including Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital) in a comprehensive academic medical genetics program. In addition, the department provides graduate and postdoctoral research training and ABMG-accredited fellowship training in clinical cytogenetics, clinical molecular genetics, clinical biochemical genetics, and Ph.D. medical genetics. A genetic counseling training program will begin in September 1998. The residency begins at the PGY-3 level or beyond. Address inquiries to Dr. Suzanne B. Cassidy, Center for Human Genetics, 11100 Euclid Avenue, Lakeside 1500, Cleveland, OH 44106; phone (216) 844-3936; fax (216)844-7497; E-mail: sbc2@po.cwru.edu

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Postdoctoral Position in Genetic Epidemiology.—A postdoctoral position is available for genetic epidemiological research. The successful candidate will assume an active role in a multidisciplinary project seeking to uncover genetic variation in susceptibility to hypertension and may participate in a multicenter genetic-epidemiological study, headquartered at Boston University, of Alzheimer disease. Other opportunities for training and research are available in ongoing collaborative studies of genetic mechanisms responsible for variability in Machado-Joseph disease and linkage mapping of several disease loci,including those for nonsyndromic deafness, Waardenburg syndrome, and osteoarthritis. The research environment is enhanced by strong epidemiology and biostatistics programs in the School of Public Health, cross-fertilization with the Center for Human Genetics, and collaborative ties with The Framingham Study. Strong background in a quantitative science is required; experience in genetics or a related field is recommended. Applicants should meet residency requirements for sponsorship from an NIH training grant. Send curriculum vitae and three letters of recommendation to Dr. Lindsay Farrer, Department of Neurology, Boston University School of Medicine, 80 East Concord Street, Boston, MA 02118; phone (617) 638-5393; fax (617) 638-4275; E-mail farrer@neugen.bu.edu. Boston University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Meetings

The Third National Congress on Prenatal Diagnosis and Medical Genetics.—To be held April 26–30, 1998, at Hotel Grand Azur, Marmaris, Turkey. The congress is cosponsored by the Turkish Association of Medical Genetics and the Center for Prenatal Diagnosis (GENTAM) at Osmangazi University, Eskischir. Sessions will include subjects from advances in prenatal diagnosis and advances in molecular genetics to population genetics. For information, abstract forms, or registration forms, contact Professor Nurettin Basaran, president of the Congress, GENTAM, Osmangazi University, Medical Faculty, TR-26480 Eskischir, Turkey; phone +90(222)239 37 71; fax +90(222)239 29 86.

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute 50th Anniversary Scientific Symposium.—To be held October 30–November 1, 1997 at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston. This 2 ½-day scientific symposium will celebrate the first half century of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Twenty-four outstanding scientists representing the key areas of cancer research will discuss their work. Topics include "Molecular and Cell Biology of Growth," "Cancer Genetics," "Medical and Pediatric Oncology," "Tumor Immunology," and "The Science of Cancer Treatment." Of particular interest is the session on Cancer Genetics, which will be chaired by Dr. Richard Kolodner. Lectures include "Checkpoint Control of Cell Cycle," by Leland Hartwell, Ph.D.; "Sequential Genetic Changes in Colon Cancer," by Raymond White, Ph.D.; and "Genome Scanning in Breast and Ovarian Cancer," by Joe Gray, Ph.D. For further information, contact Professional Meeting Planners, 5 Central Square, Suite 201, Stoneham, MA 02180; phone (800) 378-6857 or (617) 279-9887; fax (617) 279-9875; E-mail: PMPMeeting@aol.com

Mutant Cell Repository Catalog

NIGMS Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository, WWW Catalog, Version 2.—To provide investigators with access to the most up-to-date information and complete listings of cell cultures and DNA samples, a new

version of the NIGMS Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository World Wide Web catalog is now available (http://arginine.umdnj.edu/coriell/nigms.htm). The repository has human cell cultures available in the following categories: inherited metabolic disorders, biochemically mutant cell cultures with characterized mutations, well-characterized chromosomally aberrant cell cultures, CEPH reference families, a human-diversity collection, and human/rodent somatic cell–hybrid mapping panels. Menus are provided to allow users to search for cell cultures or DNA samples in a variety of ways, including by repository number, MIM number, disease description, and chromosome abnormality and number. Chromosome ideograms are provided for human/rodent somatic-cell hybrids. Questions and comments about the catalog should be directed to Coriell Cell Repositories, Coriell Institute for Medical Research, 401 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103; phone (800) 752-3805 in the United States, (609) 757-4848 outside the United States; fax (609)757-9737; E-mail: ccr@arginine.umdnj.edu

Database

ImMunoGeneTics Database.—IMGT, the international ImMunoGeneTics database, announces a standardized description of allele polymorphisms and mutations for all immunoglobulin and T cell–receptor V regions of all species, based on the IMGT unique numbering (IMGT News, March 1997). Allele alignments and tables for the human IGH, IGK, and IGL V-regions are freely available at the IMGT World Wide Web site: http://imgt.cnusc.fr:8104

Call for Specimens

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) Aging Cell Repository.—The NIA would like to receive blood or biopsy material to establish cell cultures from well-documented patients with diseases related to aging, for distribution to the scientific community. The diseases for which the repository is soliciting specimens include but are not limited to Alzheimer disease, progeria, Werner syndrome, Rothmund-Thomson syndrome, xeroderma pigmentosum, and atherosclerosis. In addition, the repository is collecting specimens from cancer patients. Prior to submitting specimens, please contact the repository at NIA Aging Cell Repository, Coriell Cell Repositories, 401 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103; phone (800) 752-3805 in the United States, (609) 757-4848 outside the United States; fax (609) 757-9737.

Call for Patients

CMT or Dejerine-Sotas Patients.—The laboratory of Dr. Lisa Baumbach at the University of Miami has recently discovered a new DNA polymorphism in the pmp-22 gene in the CMT1A duplication region. The polymorphism appears to be specific to individuals of African American heritage and was found in conjunction with other disease-causing mutations in two unrelated severely affected CMT patients of African-American descent. Dr. Baumbach's laboratory is requesting blood specimens from any CMT or Dejerine-Sotas patients of African American heritage, for further molecular studies related to this polymorphism and genotype:phenotype correlations. For further information, please contact Dr. Lisa Baumbach, University of Miami School of Medicine, Room 6021, MCCD, 1601 NW 12 Avenue, Miami, FL 33136; phone (305)243-3997; fax (305)243-3919; E-mail: lbaumbac@mednet.med.miami.edu